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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 519
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Linda Arms Gilbert on her
selection as the 1998 Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay
tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this
state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Linda Arms Gilbert is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in
education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gilbert has recently been selected Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an
honor most befitting her meritorious service to education and her devotion to the children she
teaches; and

WHEREAS, Linda was born in Murfreesboro, TN; was educated at Mitchell-Nelson
Elementary School and Central High School in Rutherford County; and received her B.S.,
M.A.T. and Ed.S. from Middle Tennessee State University and her Ed.D. in curriculum and
instruction from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she actively participates in the betterment of her profession and her
community by serving as the chairman of Goal Seven of Rutherford, participating in the
American Community Summit of Rutherford County, and serving as a guest speaker for various
civic organizations and university classes regarding issues in education among other topics;
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WHEREAS, her success is built upon the theme of teachers stepping outside their classrooms to positively influence the world; and

WHEREAS, she evidences her philosophy through action in her community; while attending Bethel United Methodist Church she has been the Children's Coordinator, United Methodist Youth Fellowship Counselor, and a Pastor Parrish Relations Committee Member to name but a few important positions in which she has meritoriously served; and

WHEREAS, since the age of six she has thoroughly enjoyed learning, so much so that she was inspired to share her enthusiasm for learning through teaching; and

WHEREAS, her community involvement continues through her active membership in numerous stellar organizations; and

WHEREAS, Linda is married to Stephen C. Gilbert, an Associate Chief of Psychiatric Nursing at Alvin York V.A. Medical Center in Murfreesboro; and she has been blessed with two children: Brian Gilbert, 19, a sophomore at Middle Tennessee State University; and Cherry Gilbert Ross a senior at Middle Tennessee State University, and

WHEREAS, her husband, children, and mother Mrs. W.D. Arms are very proud of Linda for her numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this special person for outstanding service to her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Linda Arms Gilbert on her selection to receive the "1998 Tennessee Teacher of the Year" award and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.